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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term “*using*” does not seem to belong in its context (in line 9 after “*tuner*”). Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sih et al.

The receiver of Sih (noting particularly Figs. 2 and 3) includes a front end tuner 204 controlled by VCO 206 at a reception frequency, which tuner that passes a video signal containing a pilot signal originating from antenna 202, wherein an IF signal from element 208 in turn filters the signal to provide a signal still containing the pilot to be demodulated by element 212. A memory is used to store frequency error data of the oscillator (e.g. col. 9 line 59 – col. 10 line 19), and a control unit 224 controls the frequency of the signal output from the oscillator based on the stored error information. A frequency deviation measuring unit is encompassed by element 210.

Because only in the preambles is there recited an intended use involving high-definition television, such is not given significant weight in considering the scope of the claim (*Catalina*, 62 USOQ2d at 1785), thereby meeting claims 2 and 3.

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1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. All of the additionally cited references disclose in some manner adjusting the frequency of a signal by detecting the pilot carrier in an IF band, storing detected frequency deviations, and providing offset data to counter the deviations. Television is also covered.
2. Claims 1, 4 and 5 appear allowable over the prior art.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor R. Kostak whose telephone number is 703 305-4374. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 703 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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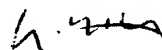
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